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Union label show opens Friday

REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

MR. HOOVER'S REQUEST

The people who are more interested in keeping news out of a labor paper or other paper than getting news into it are in distinguished company, one gathers from a recent book of reminiscences by Kent Cooper, for many years executive director of the Associated Press.

Cooper tells of three men, Herbert Hoover, Gene Tunney, and Charles A. Lindbergh, who consulted him on how to avoid getting into the news columns.

In the winter of 1933, after Franklin D. Roosevelt had already become President-elect, Mr. Hoover, still in the White House, "then asked me," says Cooper, "not to permit Associated Press men to report speeches of alarmist Congressmen who, even though Roosevelt had been elected two months earlier, were still carrying on 'their political attacks in the halls of Congress on my Administration while the economic fate of the country hangs in the balance.'"

TUNNEY, LINDBERGH

Then there was Gene Tunney. He asked Cooper's help "to drop out of public notice" just before his retirement from the ring and his marriage to Polly Lauder.

And "Charles A. Lindbergh came to my office," reports Cooper, "to ask a favor. He wanted me to tell him how he could drop out of the newspapers completely. The reason was his approaching marriage to Anne Morrow. I told Lindbergh that what he wanted just could not be done. I told him that as a matter of fact, he would be more in the news than ever. He seemed distressed that there was nothing I could do."

LABOR PAPER'S RULE

Certainly those of us whose names were printed in a newspaper only in our birth notices, and won't be again until a certain other and very final notice is published, can hardly realize the genuine suffering men like Hoover, Tunney, and Lindbergh experience from excessive publicity.

The rule of a good labor paper is: If a union official cheats his union, run the story; if he cheats his wife, let the Trib or its equivalent attend to it.

Attn: Auto Machinists

An important meeting notice for members of Automotive Machinists 1546 will be found on page 5.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Lee can win if everybody works: Groulx

Edward O. (Pete) Lee, who emerged with the highest number of votes in the April 21 primary for the District No. 1 seat on the Oakland City Council, has a good chance of victory May 19.

So said Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, in a political report to CLC delegates this week.

But more union members are going to have to help, Groulx said.

"The labor movement has already lost a lot of the enthusiasm it had in November," Groulx observed. "Less than 30 people did any appreciable amount of work in the April 21 election."

Lee's campaign committee is sponsoring a fund-raising dance at 9 p.m. Friday, May 8, in Hall M of the Labor Temple.

Tickets, at one dollar a person, are available from campaign committee members and in the Central Labor Council office.

Also at the CLC meeting, John Quinn, the other COPE-endorsed candidate for City Council in last week's election, expressed his "very deep gratitude" to all who assisted in the campaign.

Quinn is a council delegate from Bartenders 52, Lee from Teachers 771.

Final figures show that Quinn failed to qualify for the runoff by a scant 500 votes. Lee ran nearly 1,500 votes ahead of his nearest opponent but faces a runoff contest.

Groulx summed up to CLC delegates: "As far as Brother Lee is concerned, it's a very optimistic picture."

Delegates, appropriately, also saw a film on precinct political activity.

Office Employees 29 wins vote at San Jose cannery

Office Employees 29 won a National Labor Relations Board election at Contadina Foods Co., San Jose, over Teamster Cannery Workers 679 by a 30-0 margin Thursday, April 23.

Ann Hollingsworth, business representative for Local 29, said five persons voted for "no union."

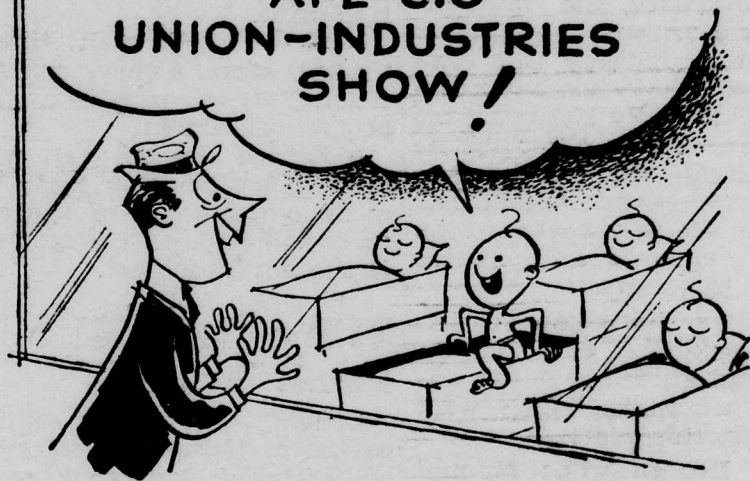
Contadina is the third cannery office force in California to be organized by any union.

Contract proposals were submitted to management Friday. Elected to the negotiating committee were Alex Rattray and Georgette Larson. Elected stewards were Billie Engstrom and Richard Martinez.

Attention, Culinary 823

An important meeting notice for members of Hayward Culinary 823 will be found on page 5.

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Roe: building trades must fight "union busting" by District 50

AFLCIO building trades locals and councils must form a unified, statewide front to combat the "union busting" threat of construction industry organizing by the United Mine Workers' District 50.

Charles Roe of Hayward Carpenters 1622 issued this challenge at last week's Building Trades Council meeting.

In a report on the recent Fresno meeting of the State Council of Carpenters, Roe said District 50 is making strong inroads in the Fresno area and is active in Stockton, Santa Clara and Sacramento.

Roe said District 50 is meeting with employer groups all over the state and appears to be "playing both ends against the middle," according to information he received at the Fresno meeting.

Another opinion expressed at the Fresno meeting was that, in certain areas, employers are "using" District 50 against other groups, including legitimate AFLCIO unions.

The general consensus, Roe added, was that District 50 is signing "sweetheart" agreements.

"It's a union busting organi-

zation, meeting with employers. They have been undercutting the Building Trades throughout the state. The situation is more serious than you think. Now is the time for action," Roe declared.

Roe also referred to the fact that the UMW has a single scale

BTC MEETING

Fred Squires, Oakland's director of urban renewal, will speak at the May 5 meeting of the Building Trades Council. J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, has urged all delegates to attend.

for all construction workers and a "unique" hiring hall system.

He said immediate action by AFLCIO unions is especially crucial because of the "hundreds of millions of dollars in building programs coming up."

SHOP STEWARDS

Lem Flanagan, also of Carpenters 36, said AFLCIO unions could have withstood the District 50 drive better with a strong shop steward program.

Flanagan praised the Central

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S.F.'s 'Mole Hall' site of big exhibition

It has been described as "a show that no union member in this part of the United States should miss and every member will want to take his family to."

The author of this statement is Joseph Lewis, director of the world's largest labor-management exhibition, the AFLCIO Union-Industries Show.

The free show, held in a different major city each year, opens Friday, May 1, at Brooks (Mole) Hall in the San Francisco Civic Center and continues through Wednesday, May 6.

Show hours are 1 to 11 p.m. Products of harmonious labor-management relations are featured in \$20 million worth of

FREE TICKET INSIDE

See page 6 for a free ticket for your whole family to the AFLCIO Union-Industries Show, to be held in San Francisco starting Friday, May 1.

exhibits. These are displayed in more than 350 booths, with giveaway items "conservatively" estimated to be worth more than \$80,000.

Alameda County's Central Labor Council is co-host for the big show with the San Francisco Labor Council.

Opening ceremonies Friday will feature Governor Edmund G. Brown, AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler and other labor dignitaries.

Governor Brown has proclaimed the period of the show "Labor - Management Week," stressing the fruits of organized labor and fair employers working together. Full text of the governor's proclamation is on page 6, along with other union label theme features.

Lewis, who heads the AFL-

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All Wilshire stations in county now signed

As the result of a plea to all union members, every Wilshire station in Alameda County now has a union shop card, according to Bill York, secretary of Teamsters Automotive Employees 78.

York credited public support of Local 78's organizing drive, saying the 21 Wilshire stations, all leased to independent operators, are entirely covered by contracts.

In March, Navy and Coast Guard men were discovered scabbing at one of the stations. York appealed to the Central Labor Council's executive committee. Robert S. Ash, executive secretary, called Washington, D. C., and the scabs were ordered back to their bases.

HOW TO BUY

Disability rider good buy

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal
By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Over five million World War II and Korean vets, who have held on to their GI insurance policies, now can get improved total disability insurance. As the result of recent changes in the law, ex-vets who have National Service Life Insurance can apply for a total disability rider that pays \$10 a month per \$1000 of insurance in force.

For example, a 40 year old vet who has a \$10,000 GI term insurance policy can buy this extra protection at a cost of \$1.60 a month. He would get \$100 a month if he became totally disabled for six or more months. To get the disability rider, you do have to show that you presently are in good health.

Veterans who already have the old disability rider paying \$5 a month per \$1000 of insurance, can apply for the new rider. It does have to be applied for. It won't go into effect automatically.

For working people, one of the most beneficial features of GI disability insurance is that there is no additional premium for hazardous occupations. Nor is there any discrimination against Negroes, who often find it hard to get disability insurance from commercial companies. But the GI disability rider is a bargain for anyone.

You don't have to be permanently disabled to collect on the disability rider for World War II and Korean vets. But you do have to be totally disabled. The rider pays off for a temporary total disability after six consecutive months of such disability.

Even if you don't get the disability insurance rider, keep in mind that if you ever do become disabled for six months or more, you can apply for a waiver of premium on your GI life insurance. This won't pay you any cash benefits, but it will keep your insurance in force without further premium payments by you, until you recover.

Unlike World War II and Korean insurance policies (NSLI), all World War I life insurance policies (USGLI) automatically

provide for paying the insured veteran if he becomes totally and permanently disabled. Note that in this case the insured person must be both permanently and totally disabled to collect.

Holders of World War I policies may also buy additional disability insurance paying \$5.75 a month per \$1000 of insurance in force. Thus it is possible for a World War I vet to have a total of \$11.50 a month disability insurance for each \$1000 of Government insurance he carries—half "built-in" and half extra premium. To qualify for the additional disability protection, a World War I vet must be under 65 and must show he is in good health.

Unlike the extra-premium disability insurance, the "built-in" disability insurance of World War I vets reduces the total amount of his life insurance policy. He is actually collecting his life insurance himself. Thus he has to decide whether to continue paying premiums and not touch his life insurance, or stop paying premiums and receive monthly payments.

Besides the expanded disability insurance, vets families also should know about two additional provisions which went into effect this year:

Death Benefit: The amount the Government will pay for a funeral and burial expenses of a veteran has been raised to \$250 from the previous \$150. This is payable to whomever pays the burial expenses. But it must be applied for (to the V. A.) It won't arrive automatically. Eligible are all wartime veterans, or peacetime vets discharged or retired for disability, or getting compensation at time of death.

Korean Insurance: Veterans of Korean time service, may now exchange their non participating service life insurance for a new type of five-year term insurance. According to John J. Corcoran, director of the National Rehabilitation Commission, the approximately 685,000 Korean veterans who carry the non participating insurance, now have three choices: they may (1) continue the present insurance at the existing premium rates; (2) exchange it for limited convertible term insurance with a reduced premium or, (3) convert to any of six permanent plans.

Housewives are gypped daily

According to postal authorities, housewives throughout the country are being bilked daily to the tune of countless thousands of dollars.

Typical fraud complaints include:

- Washington company whose product supposedly increased weight. (It did not.)

- A California concern that advertised cosmetics to remove and prevent wrinkles. (They could not.)

- A Texas concern that pushed the sale of an instrument that supposedly would develop "a bust that is well shaped, firm and fully developed on every normal healthy woman, regardless of age." (Impossible.)

Gullibility and greed are the factors that make housewives the darlings of larcenous-minded entrepreneurs. To protect women and help the authorities quash dishonest enterprises, the Post Office offers this advice:

- Be sure to read the whole advertisement, including the fine print.

- Never send cash through the mail. Send a check or money order. This will provide a record of the transaction.

- Record the date on which the application was made, the name and address of the company and, if possible, keep a copy of the advertisement.

Why they like rock 'n roll

Beneath the outward sophistication of today's teenagers are an essential innocence and a longing for emotional security. All three qualities are reflected in the music that they have called their own: rock 'n roll.

That observation was made recently by Joseph Carlton, president of Carlton Record Corporation.

He noted that rock 'n roll was distinguished by an intense, repetitive beat, "lusty musicianship" and intense repetitive lyrics, many of which pledge eternal love. On the other hand, he admitted, it is largely devoid of deft turns, sophisticated lines, witty phrases and nuances of music and lyrics. These had been the stock-in-trade of such song writers as Cole Porter, the Gershwins and Rodgers and Hart.

He said that the sophisticated composers of previous eras had not addressed the teenage population. They had written for college students and even older persons. Only a few worldly-wise or precocious youngsters can understand a witty, humorous or off-hand approach to a subject such as love, Carlton said.

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Future bright for Russ women

The future looks considerably brighter for the Russian housewife, at least as far as home product designs are concerned. This is the opinion of Samuel Scherr, industrial designer, who returned recently from a world tour that included an eleven-day visit to the Soviet Union.

The Russian woman has had little in both supply and good design in home equipment, Scherr said. Up to now in Russia, he added, vacuum cleaners, washing machines and other staples of the American home have been limited in production and in the quality of design. Most are direct copies taken from British and American models, he declared.

Wet shoes

When shoes have become wet, stuff the toes with crumpled paper towels before putting them aside to dry. This prevents the toes of the shoes from curling.

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

LIPSTICK IS SWALLOWED to a sufficient extent to make it necessary for the Government to test the various colors used in its preparation, and to ban the use of those which could be harmful to the swallower. In fact, the Food and Drug Administration recently announced that it is preparing to order the removal from the market of 17 coal tar colors which are used principally in lipstick.

It will issue the order after the interested parties, that is, the companies using the stuff in their lipstick making, have had legally allowed time to try to obstruct the issuance of the order.

The order will not immediately affect lipstick already manufactured and on the sales shelves, but will simply forbid the use of the harmful colors in future manufacturing. So a lot of the harmful stuff will be swallowed for some time to come.

PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS isn't necessary, some of the commercial interests claim when Governor Brown's proposal for setting up a consumer protection agency in California is discussed. Yet since there are many localized problems which come up, and since it is so obvious that the Federal Government under our system can't reach in and attend to them, one reads about this lipstick matter where the Federal Government is intervening, and realizes how important it is on both State and Federal levels to have the consumer protected.

All experience has shown that commercial interests can be relied upon for one primary purpose: to make money. If those 17 lipstick colors which are harmful to women are good money-makers, then they're great stuff, and it is just the women's bad luck if they get poisoned.

COFFEE CUPS SMEARED with lipstick is another problem. Maybe women won't believe this—but a considerable number of men feel downright disgusted when they see the painted dirt that a woman leaves on a cup. However, some men think it's "cute."

But it would take more than the Federal and State Governments combined to cure this evil!

Facts on Freezers

If the freezer is full when the power goes off, the food will stay frozen for at least forty-eight hours: if it is half full, about twenty-four hours. If the interruption is longer than this period of time, there are two alternatives: Put dry ice into the freezer or transfer the food to another freezer or commercial locker plant.

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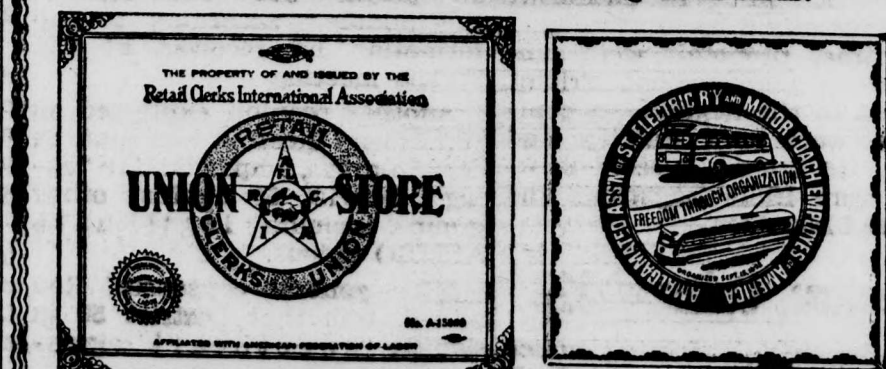
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Melvin Vessel wins national apprentice prize

Melvin Vessel, an apprentice member of Painters 127, won the grand national prize for the best panel by an apprentice painter in the United States or Canada recently in New York.

Vessel lives at 15349 Ashland Avenue, San Lorenzo. His panel, a 16 by 22 inch piece of plywood, was "grained" into walnut, oak, maple, mahogany and other wood finishes. Vessel applied three coats of varnish, rubbed down and polished.

In addition to local and state first prizes, Vessel's panel won a \$30 national first prize in the imitation of Woods division and the \$50 grand prize.

Last week, he was presented with a wrist watch by Local 127. Also present were officers of District Council of Painters No. 16 and Ralph H. Judish of the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Vessel will be honored at the 12th Annual Apprenticeship Completion Ceremony June 1 at the Castlewood County Club. His panel will be on display at the AFLCIO Union-Industries Show in San Francisco May 1-6.

Hellender reports on fluoridation

A bill which would give voters in the East Bay Municipal Utility District a chance to decide whether they want fluoridated water has been approved by the State Senate Public Utilities Committee.

Arthur Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, attended the hearing at which the bill was approved.

The bill was written by Senator J. Holmdahl (D., Oakland). It would allow the EBMUD to conduct an election in which voters would decide whether the district should fluoridate water.

Hellender told CLC delegates a ruling by the State Attorney General's office gave this power to EBMUD directors previously, but they were afraid to call an election without specific legislation authorizing it.

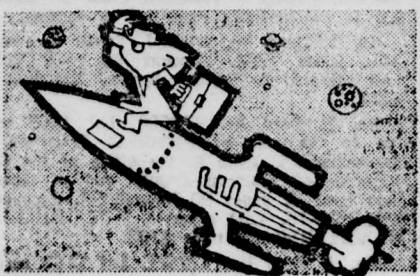
Although Holmdahl's bill makes no commitment for or against fluoridation, Hellender said, the AFLCIO favors fluoridation of community water supplies.

BT unions helping build San Leandro Boys Club

Members of building trades unions have contributed more than 3,000 hours to help build the new San Leandro Boys Club at the corner of Davis street and San Leandro boulevard, San Leandro.

Unions which have helped so far include: Hod Carriers 166, Electrical Workers 595, Sheet Metal Workers 216, Glaziers and Glassworkers 169 and District Council of Painters 16.

J. L. Childers, business representative for the Building Trades Council, is arranging further donations by labor groups.



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Court lifts ban on cab union vote

Superior Judge Chris B. Fox has lifted an injunction which had prevented Chauffeurs and Taxi Drivers 923 from holding its election of officers.

Judge Fox ruled that his court had no jurisdiction in the case. The election will be held May 8, according to Walter Bass, secretary.

Earlier, Judge Fox halted the election at the request of Omar M. Miller, one of six candidates for the presidency.

Miller charged that rules set up by the Board of Monitors for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters was violated.

New Congressional Book

The East Bay Labor Journal has received the latest Congressional Directory, for the 86th Congress, first session, from Rep. George P. Miller (D., Alameda.)

Hellender gives facts to Fremont Hi classes

About 100 students at Fremont High School, Oakland, know a little more about organized labor thanks to talks by Arthur Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Hellender addressed classes of Hy Haydis, a CLC delegate from Teachers 771. There were no questions derogatory to labor, he said in his report to the labor council.

Mrs. Nisewaner to speak to 15th A.D. Demo Women

Mrs. Mary Helen Nisewaner, vice president and co-program chairman of the Women Democrats, 15th A. D., will speak on Japan, Formosa and the Ryuku Islands at the club's meeting at 1 p.m. Monday, May 4.

The meeting will be held at Democratic Headquarters, 2105 MacArthur Blvd.

The public is invited.



TOP ALUMNUS—John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations, was honored Sunday as Alumnus of the Year by St. Mary's College. A 1939 graduate, Henning is former research director of the California Labor Federation.

Iron Workers get merger urge, too

Merger of Oakland Local 491 and San Francisco Local 472 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers has been approved by both groups.

The new local, expected to be called Local 790, will be one of the largest in the international union, with approximately 3,300 members.

Local 491 has about 1,500 members and Local 472 about 1,800, according to Anthony Chiappe, business agent for the Oakland local.

"According to all indications, the International has approved the merger and the new local will be called Shopmen's Local 790," Chiappe said.

Chiappe said offices would be maintained at the same locations: 701 - 13th St., Oakland, and 200 Guerrero St., San Francisco.

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By J. S. MILLER

As this goes to press, our negotiators are busy meeting with the contracting painters committee. So far, there is little to report except that some headway has been made on some of the minor clauses. Brother Rutledge, who, by the way, is back on the job and reports that he thinks he is on the way to recovery, is the chief spokesman for District Council 16. We are fortunate to have him because we all know he has handled these problems many times before.

At the last meeting of April 23rd the revisions of the District Council by-laws were voted on and turned down by the union. Of course, this is not final, as all the other local unions have to vote on them. Results will be known about May 7th. Brother Melvin Vessell, one of our outstanding apprentices, was honored by the presentation of a watch for his work in winning the national as well as the state award for the best panel submitted by all apprentices throughout the nation.

Although there was a fair attendance last meeting, there were still plenty of vacant seats. As I believe everyone knows, the next four meetings will be special called. The next one May 14th will be for nomination of delegates to the General Assembly, then secretary to the District Council and business representatives to the District Council. Nomination and elections of your own officers and the ratification of a new agreement are some of the matters coming up for action. So you brothers can see that these meetings will be pretty busy ones. In regards to fishing, hunting and new babies, I will try and report next week.

Labor Temple Auxiliary

By EMMA VICE

A new slate of officers was elected at the auxiliary's April meeting. Installation and reception to the new officers will be held on Saturday, May 23, at Peluso's, 316 - 14th Street, Oakland. Social hour, 6:30; dinner, 7:30, with installation following.

Those to be installed are: President, Virginia Draxton; vice president, Gladys Lear; recording secretary, Emma Vice; financial secretary, Jessie Houston; treasurer, Anne Kirby; chaplain, Naomi Vercelli; musician, Pearl Scott; marshal, Bess Stephens; sentinel, Goldie

Schroll; trustees, Ethel Andrews, Catherine Stewart, Margie O'Donnell and Aline Haake.

Sunshine chairman Laura Greaves had returned to her home at 1841 Rosedale Avenue and would enjoy visits from the members; also that Edna Paterson, recuperating from her recent operation, would be returning to her home in Grants Pass, Oregon, in a week's time. Lydia Velasquez reported ill with the flu, was also on the mend and able to be up and about.

Two new members initiated during March were Harriett Johnson of Pleasanton and Sylvia Peterson of Oakland. Helen C. Brockus of Oakland was initiated at the February meeting.

Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary presented the East Bay Children's Hospital with an Emerson Pleuro machine. President Opal Lawrence reported the administrator stated how happy they were to receive this machine, as it was in constant use and badly needed.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Adam was lonely, and Eve was created. It was then the first merger was held. Eve's first mistake was in listening to that snake, and so their union was expelled.

While wondering how anti-labor people got that way, our thinking went way back to Adam and Eve. When Eve was influenced by the Serpent to taste the forbidden fruit with the consequential eviction, we were reminded of present day reptiles who extoll the virtues of right to wreck legislation influencing those who blindly absorb such reasoning into a wilderness of scab labor, and a dog eat dog scramble for employment. This, they call "Individual Rights."

We are announcing a reunion of all former militant members of the East Bay Union of Machinists, Local 1304. You who once participated in weekly meetings during the turbulent World War II years, are invited to get together and renew the "togetherness" we enjoyed during the period of trials and tribulation. Next meeting night of May 7th will be a Special Called meeting to act on the increased per capita tax to the District No. 38 Strike Fund. Also to decide whether to discontinue our quarterly Special Called meetings, and to hear a report from the Finance Committee.

All interested members are invited to attend.

THE CARPENTERS STORY

By CHARLES ROE, Conference Board Member,
Bay District Council of Carpenters

As the membership of the Bay District Council of Carpenters has grown with the area and as apprentices enter our trade, it is quite apparent that many of our members, both those of long standing and the new, have not been in a position to secure certain basic information as to the part their local union performs in the conduct of the business of their membership, nor, by the same token, the part their local union performs in the operation of our Bay District Council of Carpenters.

In this and subsequent articles, information will be forthcoming that should be of material benefit to all members of the construction carpenters' locals.

The Conference Board of the Bay Counties District Council is comprised of six members elected from the District Council delegation and the executive secretary and president by virtue of their office.

The term of office (executive secretary and president excepted) is arranged in such a manner that the term of two members shall expire annually. The Conference Board is nominated and elected in the same manner as the regular officers of the council.

Delegates to the District Council are elected by their local unions at the same time and in the same manner as the officers of the local union.

Each local union is entitled to one delegate for the charter and one for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, but no union shall be entitled to more than twenty delegates.

PROCEDURES

With particular reference to proposed changes in our contract, the following procedure applies:

The local unions are requested to discuss contract provisions and forward the results of their actions to the executive secretary several months prior to contract expiration date.

The executive secretary and the Conference Board then proceed to catalog the proposals of the local unions and may make additions or amendments prior to their submission to the delegates of the council for their approval or rejection. Each proposal or recommendation is voted on separately by the delegates and upon tabulation of the results the items are grouped in proper sequence and become the demands for changes in the existing contract with our employers.

A continuous factual report of the progress of the Conference Board is made to the delegates to the District Council by the executive secretary. For many years the District Council has authorized the chairman to call special meetings upon the recommendation of the Conference Board on problems which require immediate action, thereby minimizing delays and providing constant liaison with the local unions.

When negotiations reach the point where a proposal has been submitted to the Conference Board by the employers, a special meeting is called, at which time the delegates vote to accept or reject the proposal in whole or part. If they vote to accept the proposals, for the purpose of

submission to the membership, a referendum vote is held in all construction locals for approval or rejection of the proposal. In the event the delegates reject in whole or part the proposal offered, they usually instruct the Conference Board of their desires and the Conference Board continues the negotiations until such time as the proposals are accepted by the delegates for the purpose of the referendum vote of the membership.

The results of the referendum vote are sealed and delivered intact to the District Council where they are held in safekeeping until all local unions have submitted their results, whereupon the chairman of the District Council, at a regular or special meeting, appoints tellers to conduct the count. Upon completion of the count, the results are read to the delegates. If the vote was in favor of accepting the proposal, the Conference Board is authorized to sign on behalf of the District Council. If rejected, the Conference Board starts further negotiations with the same procedures as before.

On a brief recap of the above procedures, you will note the vote of the membership is always the deciding factor.

The local union elects their delegates to the District Council. The local union delegates to the District Council elect the Conference Board.

The local union submits the proposed changes in the contract.

The local union delegates to the District Council approve or reject proposals submitted to the District Council, subject to the local union membership's referendum vote.

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

This will be the last column prior to my attending the International Convention in Washington, D. C. Upon my return, I should have an interesting report to make to the membership.

I am leaving for the Convention on Friday, May 8th, and will return to the office on Monday, May 18th. President Glasser and his family are combining their vacation with the trip to the International Convention and are, at this time, enroute.

We recommend that you take your family to the Union-Industries Show being held at San Francisco from Saturday, May 1st, through Wednesday, May 6th. This show has no admission charge and is always a very interesting one to see.

San Jose Membership Meeting: The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at the 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

FEWER Californians were involved in work stoppages in 1958 than in any year since World War II, according to John F. Henning, director of the State Department of Industrial Relations. Man-days lost in strikes were down, too.

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The United Association has announced a change in the 1959 International Apprenticeship Contest and Instructors Training Course to be held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, August 10 to 15, 1959.

Following the 1958 program, General President Schoemann met with the officials of Purdue University in an attempt to arrange a program to start this year, which would provide a basic, comprehensive and logically arranged five-year apprenticeship and instructors training course, which will do much to continue the improvement in apprentice performance and which will later on be manifested in high quality journeymen.

Specifically, this annual apprentice instructors training course is designed to prepare enrollees to become proficient in the use of materials and techniques of instructing, particularly, instructional materials prepared and recommended by the United Association. Also, it will acquaint apprenticeship instructors with the philosophy and principles of education, particularly, trade and industrial education. Further, it will broaden the understanding of the apprentice instructors in the technical aspects of the crafts and bring information to the instructors about the latest developments as well as in the skills phase of the work of the pipefitter and plumber journeyman. Finally, it will provide learning experience in the applied knowledge subjects of science and mathematics.

The complete course will require attendance at five summer sessions, each consisting of five working days based on a 40-hour week, to be held annually at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

In the future, complete details of the new program will be announced by the United Association and submitted to all local unions and joint apprenticeship committees.

Our next meeting to be held on May 7, 1959, will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of the delegates who attended the 39th Annual Convention of the California Pipe Trades Council which was held recently in San Diego, California.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated April 9, 1959, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last addressee at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the City of Oakland.

That unless the property is redeemed before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and is substantially described as follows:

No. 1. Deed No. 145194. Smith Reserve. Lot 441. Block 7282. Account No. 48D-7282-17. Last assessed to Carmen Spring. Minimum price \$122.

No. 2. Deed No. 179520. Lot 1162 according to the map of Forestland Extension filed September 25, 1925 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 4, pages 90 through 93. Account No. 48E-7320-76. Last assessed to E. M. & Helen H. Vail. Minimum price \$102.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

At our regular meeting May 5, 1959, there will be a special order of business at 9 p.m. to act on a resolution of policy dealing with future negotiation of contracts with associations and major industries.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held May 7, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of May 8, 1959, has been designated a special call for the following business:

Nominations of delegates to attend the convention called by our International to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, starting August 31, 1959.

Nominations will also be in order for business representative and executive secretary candidates to be placed on the District Council of Painters No. 16 ballot.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held May 5 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

There will be nominations for two delegates to the Brotherhood of Painters general convention.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

TEACHERS 771

The budget and salary committee of the Board of Education will discuss teachers' salaries at its meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 3 p.m. at the Administration Building, 1025 Second Avenue. All teachers should be there.

Executive Board meets on Thursday, May 7, 4 p.m. in Teachers' Cafeteria at Oakland High.

At the membership meeting on May 14, next years' officers will be nominated and elected. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the usual place, Retail Food Clerks' Hall, Foothill Blvd., near Havenscourt.

Fraternally,
GEORGE STOKES,
Executive Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

Regular meetings of Local 823 for the month of May at the union headquarters: May 5, 9 a.m.; May 12, 2:30 p.m.; May 19, 8 p.m.

Special order of business at all three of the regular meetings in May will be for consideration of amendments to the local by-laws. It is important that you attend one of these meetings.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our four next regular meetings will be followed by special meetings on those dates. The first one will be to vote on the proposed changes in the by-laws of District Council No. 16 to nominate candidates to be elected as delegates to the National Convention of our Brotherhood in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning August 1, 1959; to nominate candidates to run for Business Agent and Executive Secretary of District Council No. 16; and to set up a proposed Scholarship Fund sponsored by L. U. 1178 for children of members of this local. These subjects will be acted on at our meeting Friday night, May 1st. Referring to the last mentioned subject, we will take a vote on to accept or reject at this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

By action of the membership at the Special Called Meeting held April 16, 1959, a resolution pertaining to an increase of one dollar per month for dues was adopted and will be in effect July 1, 1959. This increase applies to all members, building tradesmen, metal tradesmen and apprentices.

The Apprenticeship Committee urges that you attend the Special Called Union Meeting of May 7, 1959, to hear their report on the future training curriculum and procedures of your apprenticeship program.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Secretary,
Business Manager

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

The next two meetings of your local are very important to all members.

- (1) Changes in District Council No. 16 By Laws.
- (2) Negotiations on our new agreement are coming up.
- (3) Insurance problems are also coming up.

All these problems concern each and every member; so you should come down for these important matters.

On a special matter you will receive a card concerning this meeting. Hope to see a lot of the members down to the next meetings, May 7, 21, 1959.

Brothers: Be sure and ask the man you work with for his paid up dues card, as there have been a few members suspended in the past months. You could be fined for working with a suspended member. A word to the wise should be enough.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on May 2, 1959 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Spencer D. Benbow, Business Manager, Oakland Public Schools and Mr. Robert B. Loeliger, Per-

sonnel Assistant and a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, will address this meeting and explain Section 20493 of the State Employees' Retirement Law and the effect on classified employees of the Oakland Public Schools if adopted into Oakland Public School Retirement Contract. The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special called meeting, Thursday, May 7th at 8 p.m.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Increase in per capita to the District No. 38 Strike Fund. Discontinuing of quarterly special called meetings and report of Finance Committee.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of May will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m. Steward's meeting Tuesday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

A special meeting will be held Thursday, April 30, 1959, 8 p.m., in the office of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local 216, Room 207, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, for members who are employed in the shipyards.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss proposed improvements in the next master agreement contract. Please plan to be present.

Death Assessment No. 435 is now due and payable. Local No. 216's Brother, Charles E. Haynes, No. 158840, passed away on March 4, 1959.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., May 21, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1959.

At our next meeting, May 1, 1959, ten special awards of tickets to an Oakland Boxing Show will be given away to some lucky brothers. Please be in attendance as you may be the lucky winner of one of these awards.

The Credit Union Treasurer is on hand to do business every Friday night, and he will be in the office every Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

BILL KEMSLEY, director of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, will be heard at 9:20 p.m. Friday, May 1, on KPFA-FM.

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Bob to help with Harry's shindig

Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, has been asked to serve as a sponsor of the northern California observance of former President Truman's 75th birthday.

The invitation was extended by Roger Kent, northern California chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Truman's birthday is Friday, May 8. There will be a big public celebration in San Francisco as part of a nationwide tribute to the former president.

The San Francisco party will be held in the Civic Auditorium, starting at 8 p.m. It will include a private wire telecast from New York of a speech by the former president, as well as appearances by Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson and other prominent Democrats.

Democratic workers are trying to attract between 4,000 and 5,000 persons for the San Francisco "birthday party." Donations will be \$5 for main floor reserved seats and \$2 for other sections.

FEP Committee asks support for anti-bias housing bill

The California Committee for Fair Employment Practices has called for support of Assembly Bill 890 by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins (D., Los Angeles).

The bill, which has passed the Assembly, would prohibit discrimination in sale or rental of any public or private housing which received any local, state or federal government assistance, including FHA or VA loans or veteran tax exemptions.

The committee also requested support for Assembly Bill 113, which would prohibit discrimination in the rental, sale or occupancy of any property in a community development or urban renewal project, including hotels and office facilities.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Mboya, African labor statesman, to speak in S. F.

Tom Mboya, one of the leading voices of the new Africa, will speak at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Third Baptist Church, 1399 McAllister St., San Francisco.

Mboya's appearance was arranged by the Public Affairs Bureau of the Sun-Reporter, San Francisco Negro newspaper, and Negro Trade Unionists of the San Francisco Bay Area.

A special plea for East Bay union members to attend was made by Angelo Bruzzone of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees 302.

Bruzzone and Mboya were classmates in 1955-56 at Ruskin College, Oxford, when the Oakland milk driver attended the British university on a scholarship from the Institute of International Education.

Mboya is considered to be the most powerful political personality in Kenya. He is secretary-general of the Kenya Federation of Labor and was chairman of last year's All-African People's Conference of Accra, Ghana.

In addition, the dynamic young political leader is a member of the Kenya Legislative Council. He first achieved international recognition when he helped settle the Mombasa dock strike in 1955.

Mboya was named chairman of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions for East, Central and South Africa last year. This is his second trip to the United States.

The meeting is free to the public. A paper offering will be taken for the Treason Trial Defendants in South Africa.

New CLC delegates

New delegates seated at the April 27 meeting of the Central Labor Council were:

Harold Abbott and Richard Cadigan, Fire Fighters 55; Costen Potesta, Flint and Glass Workers 66; Wilfred Parris, Steel Workers 5450, and Willie Kimmones, Insurance Workers 106.

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Let's go to the Union-Industries Show

Governor issues Union-Industries Show proclamation

Governor Edmund G. Brown, who will open the AFL-CIO Union-Industries Show in San Francisco Friday, May 1, has issued the following proclamation:

Executive Department
State of California

With good relations between employer and employee, nothing is impossible of achievement.

In California, by and large, we have been blessed with harmonious relationships between organized labor and fair employers working together for the common good.

A concrete example of this harmony can be seen in the huge AFL-CIO Union-Industries Show to be held at Brooks Hall, San Francisco Civic Center, May 1-6.

Admission to this giant show is free, and Californians will see displays created with the crafts, skills and services of union workers and the products of enlightened management.

In recognition of this show, and the ideals and ideas for which it stands, I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, am happy to designate the week of May 1-6, 1959, as LABOR MANAGEMENT WEEK in California.

I urge all of those who can do so to make every effort to visit this show.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of April, A. D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine.

EDMUND G. BROWN,
Governor

Oakland candidates to address pension clubs

Candidates in the May 19 Oakland election will speak at a meeting of the Pension-Labor Democratic Clubs of the 8th Congressional District from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the True Food Cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street.

Car pool arrangements for attending the Harry Truman 75th birthday celebration in San Francisco May 8 will be made.

Cohelan amendm't would give T. I. sewer plant

A \$701,000 sewage treatment plant for Treasure Island has been authorized by the House of Representatives in an amendment to the 1960 Military Construction Bill by Rep. Jeffery Cohelan (D., Berkeley), a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

FREE UNION LABEL SHOW TICKET ON THIS PAGE

Clip out the ticket in the two left hand columns at the bottom this page. This is your free ticket to the AFL-CIO's big Union-Industries Show, to be held in San Francisco May 1-6.

One ticket will admit your whole family, and your friends, too.

Over \$80,000 worth of free prizes and souvenirs will be given away, including live steers, color television sets, an all-electric kitchen and scores of other valuable items.

Bond issues 'boon' to work man, their backers say

Oakland's \$16,900,000 civic improvement bond issues in the May 19 election will be a boon to the working man, according to backers.

The improvements will create jobs and provide direct benefits for the families of union members.

Benefits include: better fire protection, up to date museum facilities, improvements for the Oakland Municipal Auditorium, better library services, park and recreational improvements, and safer street lighting and traffic signals.

There will be no addition to the property tax rate, according to the Citizens Committee for Oakland Improvements.

Under the committee's program, the bonds will be repaid from the 25 percent of sales tax revenues earmarked for capital improvements by a 1955 city ordinance.

Bond financing will allow the public to benefit from the improvements now, when they are needed. The procedure also allows the public to have a direct voice in spending public money without bearing an increase in taxes.

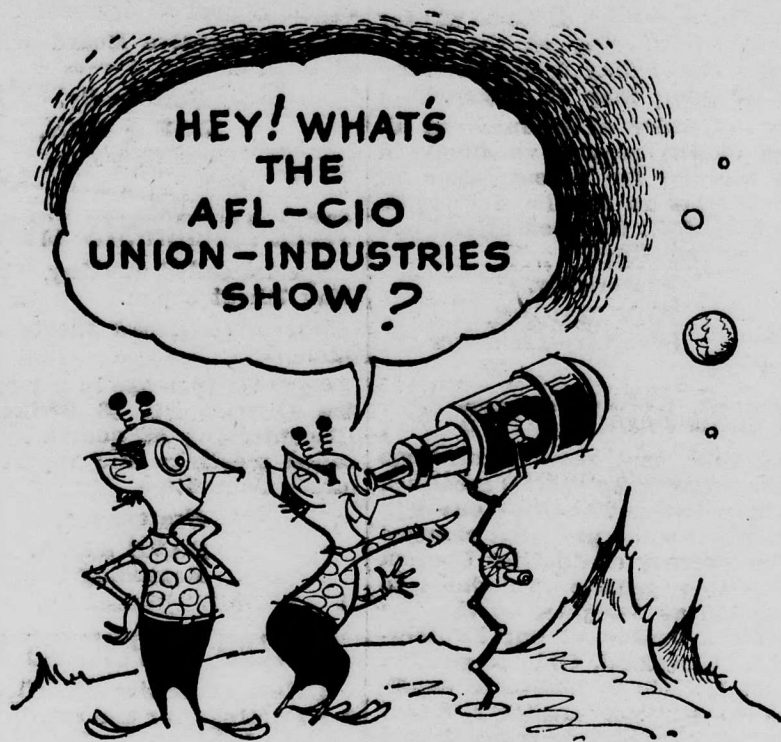
The citizens' committee studied a total of \$55 million in recommended bond issues but selected only essential, minimum cost improvements.

All seven of the bond issues on the ballot have been endorsed by the Alameda County Central Labor Council. The bond campaign is backed by a non-partisan committee.

Chairman of the citizens' committee is Charles Metcalf. Coordinator is Joseph E. Smith.

Representatives of organized labor are playing a leading part in the campaign.

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Roe: building trades must fight "union busting" by District 50

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Labor Council's Shop Stewards' Training Course, held April 10 and 11, as "very educational." He expressed concern that so few building tradesmen attended.

Building Trades unions, especially, need good stewards, Flanagan said, because it is virtually impossible for business representatives to cover every job.

Flanagan quoted Sam Kagel, attorney and arbitrator who spoke at the session, as saying a steward is an "assistant business agent."

Kagel said that "if all jobs had good stewards, the arbitrator would go out of business," according to Flanagan.

U. C. PROBLEM

J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, said a satisfactory solution on deduction of disability payments for building tradesmen at the University of California could not be reached until after July 1.

URBAN RENEWAL

Childers reported on an urban renewal meeting and said he was impressed with the Oakland program. Delegates approved Childers' move in inviting Fred Squires, Oakland director of urban renewal, to speak at the May 5 meeting.

MORTGAGE PROGRAM

Delegates voted to demand that the Federal National Mortgage Association receives more money. The resolution will be presented to the State Building Trades Council.

The action was taken after Childers charged that the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department "has no real program" on this issue.

Childers said the department should work with the National

Home Builders Assn., which has a well organized program.

CHILDERS' REPORT

In his report, Childers said progress has been made in settling the dispute between the Millwrights and the Textile Workers at the National Carpeting Division, 1091 Calcut Place.

Childers also reported that work is proceeding on revision of the building trades contract for Alameda County.

GAS TAX

Delegate Roe thanked the council for opposing the additional one cent gas tax. He said State Senator Richard Richards (D., Los Angeles) was instrumental in referring the matter to an interim committee.

Roe also expressed appreciation for publicity in the East Bay Labor Journal on the proposed St. Rose-San Leandro Memorial Hospital drive. He said there has been some change in thinking, and several plants have requested joint solicitations.

BTC AGREEMENTS

A signed contract with the Acme Pipe Line Construction Co. was presented, approved and filed for future reference.

Secretary-treasurer John Davy read the quarterly audit of finances, which was accepted.

NEW COURT RULING

J. S. (Blackie) Miller of Painters 127 read an item from the Oakland Tribune of March 28 concerning a \$65,000 damage judgment in Redding against a supervisory employee, filed by survivors of a worker killed in a logging accident.

The account said that damage awards against fellow employees, instead of the employing company, introduce a new concept in litigation.

Union label began with S. F. cigar makers in 1870's

When the AFL-CIO's Union-Industries Show opens its doors in San Francisco May 1, the union label will be coming home to the city where it was born more than 80 years ago.

Cigar makers used the first union label in San Francisco in the mid-1870's.

They wanted to identify cigars made under union conditions at a time when the market was flooded with cigars made by Chinese sweatshop labor.

The label was recognized a half dozen years later by the first convention of the Federation of Trades and Labor Unions, a predecessor of the AFL-CIO.

The idea of identifying their work as done by union labor was also used in San Francisco by the Carpenters Eight-Hour League in San Francisco in 1869.

The carpenters' stamp was put on products of eight-hour-a-day mills, as contrasted with those operating on ten-hour shifts.

The AFL's Union Label Department was formed 50 years ago, but its first big nationwide exhibit like the one to be held in San Francisco next month did not take place until 1933.

A smaller precursor sponsored by the Union Label Section was held in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium in the mid-'30's, however.

The union label is based upon the fact that union purchasing power is a powerful weapon for the support of union conditions.

By buying goods with the union label, you are being loyal to fellow union members and helping defeat unfair employers and unfair labor practices.

New AFL-CIO pamphlets available to unions

Two new AFL-CIO pamphlets are available to local unions, according to communications received by the Central Labor Council:

—"Get America Back to Work—An AFL-CIO Program for Action," designed for use at local "Meet the Unemployed" meetings and in drives to make Congress and the Administration aware of unemployment.

This pamphlet is available without cost in "reasonable quantities" from the AFL-CIO Department of Publications, 815 16th St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

—"How to Reach the Union Member," reprints of two articles from "Education News and Views" devised to help make union members out of card carriers.

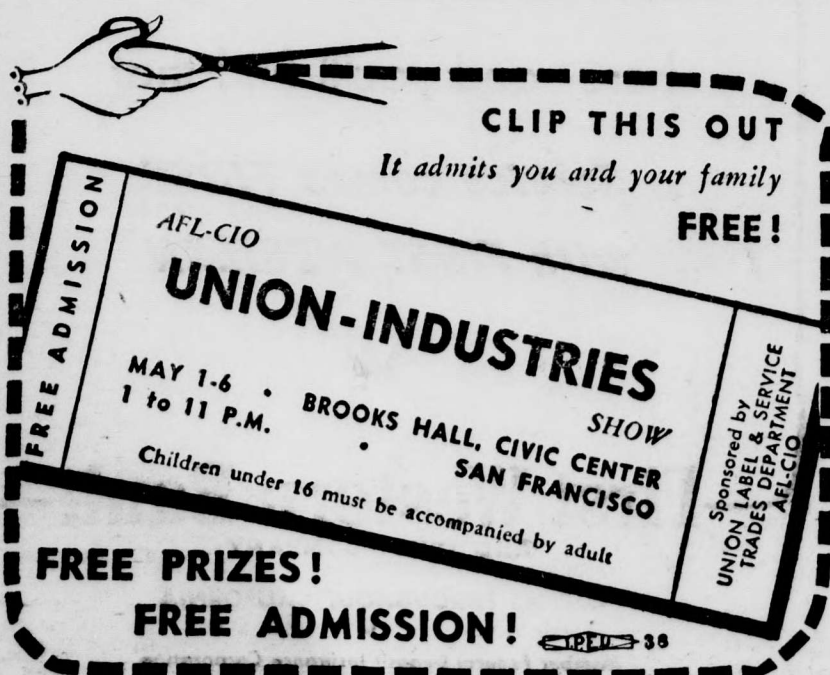
Single copies are free. Cost is five cents per copy for from two to 99 copies, three cents each for 100 or more. Order from the AFL-CIO Department of Education at the same address.

Berkeley registration

Deadline for voter registration for the special Berkeley school bond election on June 23 is April 30. Four centrally located registration tables have been set up by the League of Women Voters and P-TA groups. About 30 members will go from door to door to register voters.

CLC to co-sponsor

Central Labor Council delegates have voted to co-sponsor the 10th annual Conference on Labor Relations of the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations.



Haggerty hits at Brown's cigarette and tobacco taxes

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO) registered labor's opposition to the cigarette and tobacco tax bill in a lengthy and detailed statement presented to the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Haggerty pointed out that Governor Brown's own budget analysis shows that the sales tax and other consumer levies are already producing two-thirds of state revenues as compared with only a combined 17 percent yield from the state's income and corporation taxes.

"In the face of these facts," he said, "we do not see how it is possible to justify the imposition of any additional consumer taxes on the citizens of this state."

Haggerty quoted heavily from a recent study of California's sales tax structure issued by the State Board of Equalization which confirms organized labor's position that existing consumer taxes are forcing low and middle income families to carry a much heavier effective tax load than the upper income groups and the wealthy. This is the first conclusive study of California's unfair consumer taxes.

The labor leader added: "Those who support consumer taxes say that they are the least painful of all—'Just a few pennies at a time from everyone,' they say. I am afraid the consumer taxes are painless only to the well off, who pay the least proportionately."

Haggerty also challenged the contention that the governor's tax program spreads the burden of additional taxes on all groups fairly. This program, in the imposition of additional consumer taxes, "ignores the existing burden of taxation in the state," Haggerty said.

In regard to the Department of Finance's arguments that California is only one of five states that do not levy a cigarette and tobacco tax, Haggerty answered: "On the surface these appear to be rather convincing arguments, but if you look behind them you will find that the department has engaged in a bit of intellectual irresponsibility . . . The base for comparison is not a single selective sales tax but consumer taxes in general . . . If you compare the consumer tax base of all the states, you will find that California is above the national average without levying a cigarette and tobacco tax."

Haggerty told the committee it had "no alternative but to accept or reject AB 1172 for what it is—a bill which proposes another 'breach' in the 'ability to pay' principle of taxation."

Eight Democrats and one Republican voted to give the bill a "do pass" with two Democrats and five Republicans in opposition to the measure. — California Labor Federation News Letter.

GOVERNOR BROWN'S Minimum Wage Bill was pigeonholed by the Senate Labor Committee, tragically fulfilling a prophecy by Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash. Ash expressed fear that Senators Hollister and Montgomery would vote to sidetrack the bill. They did.

Unions' hands shouldn't be tied, Brown tells CLC board

Unions shouldn't have their hands tied by government, Governor Edmund G. Brown told the Alameda County Central Labor Council's executive board at an unprecedented luncheon meeting in Sacramento last week.

It was the first time in the state's history that any governor has met with the officers and executive board of a central labor council to discuss mutual problems.

Governor Brown told the CLC visitors he believes it is government's duty to establish adequate minimum standards, such as his administration's Minimum Wage Bill.

The governor said he feels most unions are guided by a high sense of duty to their members.

Thanking the Alameda County labor movement for its support, Brown pointed out that he did not have the backing of organized labor the first two times he sought public office.

The governor said, however, that he knows the problems of labor and agrees with the labor movement in its basic aims.

During his tenure as San Francisco district attorney and state attorney general, Brown told the CLC officials, labor never asked a favor which would have involved violating his conscience.

Governor Brown spoke in detail about his water program. He pointed out that there could be no actual construction until 1962 because of the lack of funds available.

In the opinion of experts, Brown continued, California has enough water for 50 million people if properly conserved and distributed.

Thanks to dams and other water projects already completed, the situation this year will not be as bad as it could be, Brown said. But he pointed out that the situation might be serious next year.

The Feather River Project, Brown said, is a necessity for California.

Brown also discussed his tax program, smog, pensions and problems of older people, and the University of California-state college controversy.

In answer to questions by Roy Woods of Hayward Culinary 823 and Fran Kaczmarek of Culinary 31, Brown discussed the problem of tips as related to the Minimum Wage Bill.

He also answered questions by Les Moore of Auto and Ship Painters 1176, Bob Rivers of

Communications Workers 9490, Ken Steadman of Steelworkers 3367 and Charles Garoni of Carpet and Linoleum Layers 1290.

CLC representatives at the luncheon included: Russ Crowell, president; Edna Lallement, first vice president; William Drohan, second vice president; Robert S. Ash, executive secretary; Dick Groulx and Art Hellender, assistant secretaries; Joseph Angelo, treasurer; Eddie Maney, sergeant-at-arms; W. Douglas Geldert and Charles F. Jones, trustees; Sonia Baltrum, Pete Ceremello, Charles Garoni, John Hutchinson, Fran Kaczmarek, Ed Logue, Russel Mathiesen, Les Moore, Bob Rivers, Pat Sander, Herb Sims, Vern Stambaugh, Ken Steadman, Jack Tobler, Harris Wilkin, Bud Williams and Roy Woods, executive board members, and Joe W. Chaudet of the East Bay Labor Journal.

CLC backs Textile Workers at two plants in Oakland

Management of the F. Burkhardt Manufacturing Co. at 2230 Livingston Street was accused by a Central Labor Council official this week of "bargaining in bad faith."

Richard Groulx, CLC assistant secretary, negotiating with the firm Tuesday on behalf of the Textile Workers, said the company has notified all except three employees that they are to be laid off.

Groulx described this as a move to pressure employees to capitulate, even though the present union contract does not expire until Friday, May 1.

"It looks as if they're bargaining in bad faith," Groulx said.

He added that the company is moving all completed work to Los Angeles.

Groulx said the company is trying to weaken contract provisions, including rest periods, overtime and shift differentials.

The Central Labor Council backed the Textile Workers four days earlier at the National Carpeting Division of National Automotive Fibers, 1091 Calcut Place.

A picket line, including Groulx, CLC President Russ Crowell and CLC Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash, marched in front of the plant for about 45 minutes last Friday. But the company conceded to the union's demands.

Sonia Baltrum, business agent, said employees won a 14 cent hourly package and a one year contract. The council's help at the bargaining table and on the picket line "really did the job," she said.

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Hellender serves as Coro judge

Art Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, served as one of 12 judges who selected 1959-60 interns for the Coro Foundation Saturday.

Hellender has worked with past interns assigned to the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

A dozen interns were chosen from a field of 18 finalists. They will receive \$28,000 in nine-month scholarships with the Coro Foundation, providing "boot camp" training in public affairs.

Each will be assigned to a Bay Area union, business, government office or political campaign. More than 60 percent of past graduates now hold positions of responsibility in these fields, according to John Robinson, assistant director.

Auxiliary gives hospital life saving equipment

The Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary has given Children's Hospital of the East Bay an Emerson pleural pump, a life saving device used in heart cases. The auxiliary raised \$236 for the pump by holding rummage sales and card parties.

Mrs. J. E. Lawrence of Oakland, president, and Mrs. Glenn Draxten of Hayward, vice president, visited the hospital recently to inspect the pump.

Manufacturing jobs increase during March

California manufacturing employment increased by 16,600 in March to a total of 1,248,300 wage and salary workers, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations, has announced.

This is more than the normal February-March increase. Furthermore, the current total represents a gain from March a year ago of 6½ percent, or 76,200 additional factory jobs, Henning said.

Not even Vermont

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Vermont became the second state this year to reject so-called "right-to-work" legislation as the House defeated, 136 to 93, a bill for a statewide referendum on banning the union shop. The New Mexico Legislature killed a similar proposal in February. — AFL-CIO News.

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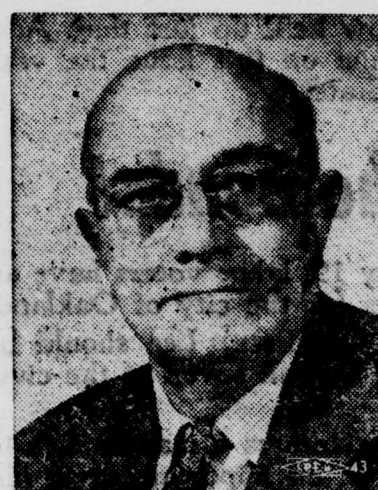
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Corporation farms, GOP win case against People

The case of the Corporation Farmers versus the People of California has once more been decided—by a biased court—against the People of California.

A committee of the State Senate, that "higher" body of our Legislature which is loaded in favor of acreage against people, has succeeded in shelving for this session Governor Brown's modest proposal that farm laborers should be guaranteed a minimum wage of 90 cents an hour.

Many farm laborers now get 90 cents an hour, but as C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor Federation, pointed out, the bigger corporation farmers must at all costs be protected in their "right" to pay as low as 70 cents an hour if they wish to do so.

Down with the 90-cent an hour provision goes the \$1.25 provision for other labor, but the real fight was over the 90 cents for farm laborers, the most oppressed and depressed of our labor groups.

It is not merely that the corporation farmers are determined to preserve the legal right to pay as low as 70 cents an hour, but they are determined to prevent any first step toward treating farm laborers as human beings to creep into legislation. They wish to keep farm laborers as a permanently enslaved and legally unprotected class.

This, as the political editor of the Republican Chronicle gleefully announced, was "the first major defeat for the Governor at this session," and he was happy to remind his readers that it was "the Democratic-controlled Labor Committee" of the Senate which did the deed.

But it was the Republican State Central Committee, not the Democratic, which had come out wholeheartedly against the People of California on this issue; and it is the Republican-fostered scheme of having the State Senate acreage-controlled rather than people-controlled which is at the bottom of the trouble.

This is not nearly so much a defeat for the Governor as it is a defeat for decency, and, in the long run, a defeat for any claim the corporation-controlled Republican Party may try to make it represents the legitimate interests of the people.

Brown said & says: FEPC!

During the campaign for the Governorship last year, Candidate Knowland was too busy trying to persuade the people of California that the labor unions should be broken up to bother with any effort to persuade the people that a Fair Employment Practices Commission was needed.

Candidate Brown, however, insisted during the campaign that one of his first acts if he became Governor would be to sponsor an FEPC law.

When Candidate Brown became Governor Brown, he did just what he had promised to do. Now, after the usual efforts by reactionaries to amend the life out of the measure, California has been added to the list of States which tries to achieve, belatedly, fair play for minority groups in economic life.

The beaten reactionaries are now preparing to delay, if they cannot finally prevent, the doing of justice to a large proportion of population, by holding the law up through a referendum. This will give a great opportunity for hate-spitters, and for the biliously biased, to parade themselves before us.

Governor Brown says he will fight that referendum to the fullest extent of his ability. We know he'll do just that. And he knows that he'll have back of him on this issue the vast majority of the labor people of the State.

Elect Lee! Okay the bonds!

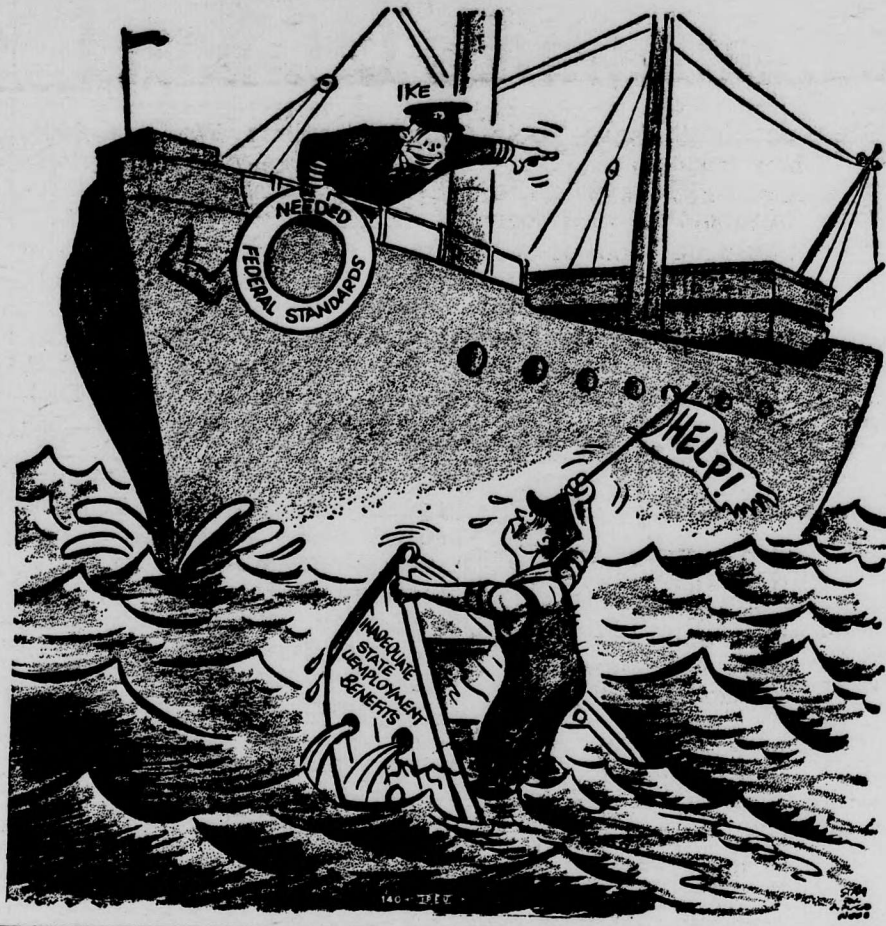
Eighteen days from now, on May 19, labor voters have an opportunity to do two great services for the city of Oakland.

In that runoff election Edward O. (Pete) Lee should be elected to the Oakland City Council and all seven of the civic bond issues should be adopted.

The election of so able and conscientious a man as Lee to the City Council would itself rank as an important civic improvement and all the projects covered by the bond issues are very important.

Labor spokesmen served on the committee of citizens recommending these bond issues, and labor from the start has backed Lee. Let's elect Lee and carry the bonds.

You Can Make It



BIG LOBBY BLOCKING DECENT JOBLESS PAY

Labor's Economic Review, published by the AFL-CIO, tells how the Big Business lobby blocks efforts to improve unemployment compensation benefits:

The additional cost of federal unemployment benefit standards would average seven-tenths of one cent per employee - hour worked. The biggest opposition comes from those who want to help employers avoid this small cost.

From the Chamber of Commerce, American Retail Federation, American Hotel Association, and the National Association of Manufacturers has come strong opposition to better unemployment compensation.

One Washington lobby specializes in unemployment compensation — Unemployment Benefit Advisors, Inc., which is supported by such companies as General Motors, Allis-Chalmers, U. S. Steel, Chrysler Corp., Socony-Mobil Oil Co., Goodyear Tire and Rubber, and some 500 other companies.

According to Congressional Quarterly, this lobby spent \$125,000 in 1958 to defeat unemployment compensation improvement.

In addition to its work in Congress, Unemployment Benefit Advisors employs the legal firm of Morgan and Calhoun; Gerald Morgan is special counsel to the President.

Business groups play the states off against the Federal government. Norris Ford of the Connecticut Manufacturing Association told Congress last year that "unemployment is essentially a matter which must be handled on a local basis." A short time before he had told the Connecticut Development Commission that unemployment is "nationwide . . . State governments cannot be expected to enact special legislation everytime the national economy fluctuates."

This group of state unemployment compensation administrators has long been dominated by the political appointees of states-rights governors. In the past, it has lobbied in Congress against improvements in unemployment compensation and used federal unemployment compensation administrative funds to do so.

In its policy decisions, small states with few workers under unemployment compensation carry the same weight as states with millions of workers who stand to lose by these decisions.

This deficiency is preserved by a cloak of anonymity. The Conference takes secret polls of its members and reports the results to Congress without divulging which state administrators have

voted for or against proposed legislation.

The Administration has shown a confusing deviousness of policy which has been characterized as a "noisy vacuum."

President Eisenhower has exhorted the states to raise benefits. When the states did not adopt the President's recommended benefits, he adjusted to the situation by lowering his recommendations.

The administration has asked advice from its Federal Advisory Council on Employment Security. When the Council recommended federal benefit standards, the advice was ignored.

The only substantial policy move has been for extension of coverage and a recommendation for a temporary extension in 1958.

The temporary extensions were very helpful to some of the unemployed; but in no sense is any temporary measure a substitute for federal benefit standards.

They're just rich!

It would be idle to suggest that the man of wealth has no special advantages in our society. Such propositions are the one-day wonders of the conventional wisdom, and those who offer them have a brief but breath-taking reputation as social prophets. This itself suggests that such findings assuage some sense of guilt.

But it does seem clear that prestige and power are now far more intimately identified with those who, regardless of personal wealth, administer productive activity.

The high corporation official is inevitably a man of consequence. The rich man can be quite inconsequential and often is. — From "The Affluent Society," by John Kenneth Galbraith.

This is it!

This is the commune, where human beings are reduced to the level of inmates in a zoo. But there is a difference.

The animals in a zoo do not have to work hard and, what is more, they do not have to listen to the quasi-compulsory radio.

The lack of peace and quiet in the countryside, where one can retire and reflect, and the lack of privacy and solitude are to me more terrifying than all the hells put together. — Social Scientist of India, after tour of Red China.

OPINIONS

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7 HOUR DAY, BUT ONLY 7 HOURS' PAY

Editor, Labor Journal:

In your April 17 issue, concerning this seven hour day Mr. Risley says: My, my, the mud crafts and Painters already have a shorter work week. Well, good for him. You, see, I belonged to Local 36 in 1941-1942.

But will someone please remind Mr. Risley that the Painters sure do have a seven hour day—for seven hours pay. That's all they ever did get. Are we really after less money and less hours? If so, we can go along with the Painters.

I'm no sore head. Just thought it should be mentioned.

JACK WHELAN,
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INFLATION

Organized labor is usually blamed because most companies wait until a wage agreement is signed to announce a price increase. The company announcements are usually accompanied by statements to the effect that the increased prices are due to higher labor costs. . . . They know very well that their statements are vicious and premeditated lies. — Carl Huhndorff, IAM Grand Lodge research director.

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ANTI-LABOR PRESS

One criticism frequently raised was that there was too much scandal, too much crime news. Another criticism is that papers are biased politically. . . . There is some feeling on the part of a substantial minority that the labor news does not get reported fairly, that the newspapers have a strong anti-labor union bias. — Elmo Roper.

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DOOR TO DOOR

Numerous calls have been received at the Bureau office from persons who state they were solicited at their homes by young boys (age 9-12) to purchase boxes of candy mint wafers on the representation that proceeds would be used to purchase school supplies for underprivileged youngsters who otherwise would be unable to attend school. — Better Business Bureau.

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STICKERS

The Christian Social Relations Department of the Maryland-Delaware Council of Churches is conducting a sticker campaign in support of its efforts for equal job opportunities. People are asked to attach to bill payments the following statement: "As your customer, I welcome being served by any qualified person, regardless of race, creed or color." — Southern Patriot.

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NASTY CHART

A nasty little chart shows that since 1953 the only substantial increases which have occurred in the wholesale price index have been in the highly concentrated (monopolized) industries. This is something hard to face and admit—at least for a lot of people. — Farmers Union Herald.

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STUNNING FACT

Sit back for a moment and absorb the stunning fact that there are tonight nearly 1.6 million Americans living and working abroad. That's almost a hundredth of our total population. Such a collection of outlanders would people a city twice the size of Washington, D. C. — Edward P. Morgan.